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Back from Yukon Quest

Haliburton resident Hank DeBruin will never forget completing the 1,000 mile Yukon Quest dogsled race and said he owes it all to his dogsled team, including his companion and lead dog Lily. **Darren Lum Echo staff**

Hudak talks HST, hydro in Haliburton

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

The man who may sit as the province's next premier visited Haliburton County last week.

Ontario Progressive Conservative leader Tim Hudak, along with PC energy critic John Yaka-

buski and Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock candidate Laurie Scott, hosted a roundtable discussion with members of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce at the Pinestone Resort March 4.

Hudak was on a tour of area communities with his survey, Have Your Say Ontario: Moving Forward, which seeks to gain feedback from Ontar-

ians on tax relief and the creation of more private sector jobs, among other issues.

"Every time you turn around, you're getting nickel and dimed by some new tax," Hudak said in a short opening address to a dozen or so attendees. The Niagara West-Glan-

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Echo nominated for general excellence

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news and events worth noting

The staff of the *Haliburton Echo* are honoured to have been nominated by the Ontario Community Newspaper Association for general excellence in our circulation category.

General excellence encompasses all aspects of the paper, from production to layout to photography to local news and everything in between.

Reporter Angelica Blenich is also up for an award in the news category for her reporting on a house explosion in Wilberforce in October.

"We're thrilled to receive this news from the OCNA and look forward to the awards in May," said *Echo* managing editor Jenn Watt.

Sister paper the *Minden Times* was also nominated for general excellence in a different circulation category.

Writer Steve Galea has also been nominated in the humour columnist category.

The awards gala takes place May 13 in Niagara Falls.

Martha Perkins named editor of suburban weekly

Former *Haliburton Echo* and *Minden Times* managing editor, Martha Perkins, is the new editor of the *North Shore*



No injuries in Blood Services fender bender

A tow truck driver secures a man's car following an accident Monday afternoon outside the Legion in Haliburton.

The angle of the sun shining through the window of the man's car stopped him from seeing the Canadian Blood Services vehicle parked at the side of the road, he said. No one was injured.

Jenn Watt *Echo* staff

Outlook. The *Outlook* publishes two weekly editions, one for North Vancouver, the other for West Vancouver, with a combined circulation of 55,000.

She is working again with Greg Hoekstra, a former *Echo* reporter who is now a reporter with the *Outlook*.

Perkins remains the editor of the *Bowen Island Undercurrent*, a weekly newspaper serving the island off the coast of Vancouver.

She was the editor of the *Haliburton Echo* for two decades before leaving for B.C. in 2009.

The *Echo* thanks long-time judge Lisa Robertson for her years of dedicated ice watching.

Those interested should contact the *Echo* at editor@haliburtonecho.ca.

Farmers' market seeks manager

The Tory Hill Farmers' Market is actively recruiting a volunteer market manager for the 2011 season. The Tory Hill Market is entering its fourth year as a summer destination each Sunday July to August in Highlands East. The current manager has been with the market since its inception but can no longer offer her time. If you have an active interest in local foods, farming, community spirit and have dynamic ideas you might like to take on the Tory Hill Market as a community project. Please call Tracey Lee Green 705-448-9785 or email highlandscultural@gmail.com. Feed the body, challenge the mind and inspire the soul.

Ice contest judge needed

The *Echo* is looking for someone to monitor the ice on Head Lake for the annual ice-melt prediction contest.

The judge must be willing to keep up with the ice condition on the lake into the spring and is responsible to declare when the last ice cube melts.

Taxi driver charged with DUI after collision

A minor collision on Feb. 26 resulted in the arrest of a 34-year-old Haliburton man.

At approximately 7:40 p.m. Haliburton Highlands OPP responded to a minor collision between a taxi and a parked car, on Floralan Park Drive, in Minden.

Upon arrival, officers determined that the driver of the vehicle had been consuming alcohol.

The driver of the taxi has been charged with impaired driving and driving over 80 mgs.

The driver is to appear in Minden court on April 6 to deal with the charges.

At press time all local cab companies denied the driver worked for them.

It is unclear if the driver was on duty at the time of the accident.

OPP looking for help in attempted break and enter

Police are looking for the person who attempted to break into the West Guilford General Store Feb. 28 at about 1:30 a.m.

The suspect (or suspects) fled on ATV.

Nothing was taken.

The OPP are encouraging anyone who knows something about the attempted break and enter to call 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

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- Give blood on March 14 at the Minden arena
- Back pain 101 by Dr. Aerin Greidanu
- Card and bowling scores

March 10, 2011

The Highlands Weekender

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS

March Break fun

Bring the kids to Minden Hills Cultural Centre for week's March Break Culture Club. Registration is required by calling the Agnes Jamieson Gallery at 705-286-3763.

Monday, March 14

Making A Universe
10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
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JDHES hosts writer's workshop

Bessie's Books and other things

Bessie Sullivan
County Librarian

J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School hosted a writer's workshop a few weeks ago. I was asked to run one of the sessions that is run prompted by book-to-queries. "What qualifies you to run a poetry session for kids?"

That is actually a difficult question to answer.

The follow-up article in both the *Echo* and the *Times* noted all the session presenters at those who made their living working with words. When put that way I do qualify that and one year of University English.

I have little to no experience working with children, having two of my own is what saves me in that department.

Preparing for the session gave me opportunity to take a look at what the Haliburton County Public Library had in poetry resources.

Once again I was pleasantly surprised by the depth of my collection.

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Colourfest gets \$27,000 boost

Jenn Watt
Editor

It was a long shot worth taking.

When Jerelyn Craden and Jim Frost sat down to write the application for a Celebrate Ontario grant, they knew chances were slim that their hours of effort would bring in major money.

But out of those slim chances came a "big surprise" March 3 – \$27,000 for this year's Colourfest fall celebration in Haliburton Village.

"The reason I'm thrilled about the grant is because it's specifically to use toward building Colourfest – making it even greater so we can afford to have, for example, more attractions," said Craden, who worked on the grant on behalf of the Business Improvement Area.

"Why do we want more attractions? To draw more tourists to the area."

Where the money will be spent has yet to be determined, but the grant paperwork suggested a stage, a unique performance or performer, decorations, souvenirs and big aspirations such as the OPP Golden Helmets, amusement rides or a fiddling group, among other things.

The money will have to be spent wisely, but opens the festival up to a larger world of possibilities, BIA president Luke Schell said.

"We now have the opportunity to dream a little. Who knows where it could lead?" he said.

"We can now do something we weren't able to do before."

Colourfest was among several other regional events to score big money from Celebrate Ontario including \$40,000 for the Lock Jam in Fenelon Falls; \$40,000 for the Rockstar Canadian Powersports Festival and \$75,000 for the Lindsay Central Exhibition.

In order to qualify for a grant, applicants had to satisfy three main points, said Mary Anna Zakula of MPP Rick Johnson's office.

"They're looking for certain criteria, mainly that it has to boost tourism, generate economic activity and bring in people from outside your area," she said.

"They want to know that you're bringing in tourists who aren't from Haliburton."

Craden said the application did just that, using Colourfest as a "calling card" for Haliburton to newcomers.

"If it's so wonderful, people will want to come up here on weekends to hang out or have lunch or whatever," she said.

The BIA also wants Colourfest to work in tandem with the county's successful studio tour, which is on the same weekend.

"We've always wanted to make sure we didn't take away from the studio tour on that weekend ... we support them 100 per cent," Schell said.

He thanked Craden and Frost for their efforts in securing the grant.

Colourfest is Saturday, Oct. 1 this year.



The panel of judges at the Bears' Lair finale, held in Peterborough on March 1, are handed out props by Haliburton contestant Brandi Hewson.

The keynote speaker of the evening Robert Herjavec of CBC's *Dragons' Den*, front right, also sat on the panel of judges for the competition, which had four contestants competing for a prize valued at \$20,000.

Angelica Blenich Echo staff

Bears' Lair competitor to audition for Dragon's Den in April

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

She may not have come home with the grand prize but Brandi Hewson still feels like a winner.

The 30-year-old entrepreneur competed in the grand finale of the Bears' Lair competition in Peterborough on March 1 for the chance to win a grand prize package valued at \$20,000.

Hewson lost to Northumberland competitor Jo Ann Baguioro-Thompson, the founder and CEO of Tiburon Treats, a line of specialty all-natural canine biscuits.

Featuring four contestants, representing Peterborough, Kawartha Lakes, Northumberland and Haliburton, Hewson was selected to represent the Haliburton region on Feb. 10.

Modeled after CBC's *Dragons' Den*, the finale featured special guest judge and keynote speaker Robert Herjavec, one of the television show's cast members.

A venture capitalist, Herjavec was born in Croatia and immigrating to Canada with his family as a young child.

Herjavec offered his expertise throughout the evening on topics ranging from launching a small business to the individual presentations themselves.

"I'm all about small business," said Herjavec in a reception held prior to the show. "Ninety per cent of job growth comes from small business. If I can do it, anyone can."

A self made millionaire, Herjavec said there were a number of things he would be looking for during the presentations including a strong pitch, execution and whether or not the product was marketable.

An exclusive distributor and manufacturer of WAI Products Ltd., a range of water supply and irrigation products, Hewson presented her business plan to a panel of six judges along with answering their questions on her future plans for marketing and expanding the business.

"You're definitely the best looking plumber I have ever come across," said Herjavec during Hewson's introduc-

tion.

Other competitors included Len and Anne Sedgwick from Peterborough, who presented their invention Inno-Fast, a screw developed out of zinc meant to hang pictures. Kawartha Lakes finalist John Walsh pitched Enviroframe, a picture frame made out of recycled Styrofoam.

At the conclusion of the show all four contestants were presented with a golden ticket, offering them a front-of-the-line opportunity to audition for *Dragons' Den* on April 1.

While disappointed with the evening's results, Hewson was honoured to be involved with the entire process and was looking forward to what the audition might bring.

"My experience overall was positive," said Hewson a day after the finale. "The opportunity to be there, to put my company in front of everyone was fantastic. The support that I've gained locally from the entire competition has been overwhelming."

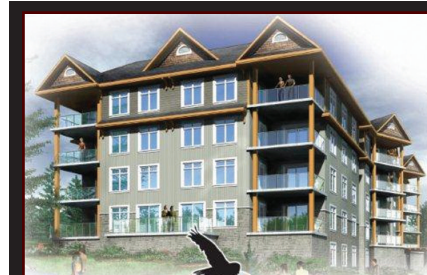
Apart from local support Hewson was also successful in catching the attention of Herjavec, taking advantage of his business knowledge and opinion.

"It was a fantastic opportunity to have Robert Herjavec there and I actually got to speak with him three times personally."

Hoping to win the competition and the funding that came with the grand prize, Hewson is still confident her business will flourish.

"Doing the business plan and getting up there and sharing it with everyone really gives you the confidence moving forward, it really guides me in making sure I'm making the right decisions and doing the right moves. People have great ideas, it's a matter of are they profitable, does it actually make sense and is it a viable business and I believe that I've nailed all of those things, which is more important than all of it," said Hewson.

The competition was an initiative of the Workplace Development Board and was open to all new and existing businesses of less than 100 employees. The WDB is a community-based, not-for-profit corporation serving Peterborough, Kawartha Lakes, Northumberland and Haliburton.



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Grade 1 student Avyn rubs her eye, nearing the conclusion of the Artist in Schools program. Avyn and her other 19 classmates received instruction and hands-on learning about sculpture.



Stuart Baker Elementary School senior kindergarten student Georgia looks up, waiting for approval for her sculpture that she completed at the Artist in School program on Monday, Feb. 28.

Darren Lum Echo staff

Moulding creative minds

➤ Artist in Schools program facilitates sociological benefits through creative means

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

Young students are taking the lessons of art to become better people.

Stuart Baker Elementary School students in Stephanie Kyle's kindergarten and Grade 1 class were doing more than forming clay into animal sculptures when they participated in the Artist in Schools program, as part of the Arts Council Haliburton Highlands program.

Led by local artist and teacher, Lisa Barry, the one-day program gave students instruction and hands-on experience in sculpting, including sharing related stories to the indigenous animal life.

Barry, who teaches all ages at the Haliburton School of the Arts and students at the high school, noticed this younger group doesn't have a problem asking questions and were very engaged.

"It's funny. Like when you ask, if you have any questions this group has 100 questions and they range from 'Can I do this?' 'Can I do that?' Where with the older kids [questions are] a little bit more conceptual and [within] a historical context," she said.

She is an active member of the Arts Council and a founding member of the Maple Lake Artisans Collective, also known as The Art Hive.

"As a functional artist I enjoy telling them the process of the materials and seeing the excitement of when they understand a piece of clay is going to be turned into a piece of stone," she said, adding she relished hearing the personal stories related to the animals sculpted. "Seeing the project in their eyes that's really enjoyable ... it was neat to see the Grade 1 students helping the kindergartens. That's not what I expected."

Kyle acknowledged the benefits her students gained besides the intended creative skills during the program.

"If you look around the class they're all helping to tidy up. They help each other out. 'Can I borrow some of that?' There certainly is social skills that come with it, sharing the materials and helping each other out, sharing ideas with somebody who knows how to do a certain [thing]," she said.

Kyle was impressed with her 20 students and their finished work and said, "It's a real good opportunity to make some [three-dimensional] art ... we do some, but not a lot. It's a great experience [for them to follow] instruction. It's good in a community where there is a lot of art. To be exposed to that type of culture it is a good introduction for them. I've been impressed with what they have produced, considering they're young. They're five and six-years-old."

The pieces were painted and will be fired at Barry's kiln. They will be returned to the class after.

BIA to forgo hanging flowers this summer

Jenn Watt
Editor

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the Business Improvement Area organization's Feb. 28 executive meeting.

The BIA will be foregoing hanging flower baskets in favour of sidewalk planters for Haliburton's main street this summer.

Construction planned by Hydro One to bury the lines left business owners questioning what would look best on Highland Street during tourist season.

"We don't know about the construction yet, we don't know about the extent of the construction," president Luke Schell said at the Feb. 28 meeting.

The organization was given an order deadline by the florist of March 1, meaning the group had to make a decision on street decorations quickly.

"Would we not be better off just doing a better display of sidewalk planters? We pulled a bunch out last year. Not do the hangers, just do better planter ones. We can be on top of them more and they can be moved if the construction [requires]," treasurer Janet Sheehy said.

The group agreed that the planters were the best bet with even more flowers in them than usual.

Another Frost Fest uncertain

Council representative Andrea Roberts said she wasn't sure if Frost Fest would run again next year after bad weather diminished crowds at the winter event Feb. 19.

"It was a cold and windy day. ... I had a great committee ... great advertising, awesome sponsorship and just one [bad] day," she told the group.

Warm weather and rain leading up to the event had compromised the toboggan hill by Head Lake Park and the skating surface of the lake wasn't smooth.

"None of the games were cancelled. The ice rink a few people went on, but the rink was bad. The biggest disappointment was the hill, because even in the wind the kids that came out, they were just pumped to go down that big toboggan hill that they saw being made for a month. It was a big sand pit," Roberts said.

"It's so hard to have winter events in Haliburton," Schell said.

"Sometimes you take heat because you got bad weather for an event as if you didn't run a good event and that's not the case," he said.

If there had been sunny conditions, there would be no discussion over whether to put the event on again, Sheehy said.

"That's the unfortunate thing: because if it had of been a nice, warm and great day you wouldn't be feeling like, do you want to do it again next year?"

Committee formed to explain BIA expansion

The BIA has created a committee to canvass businesses affected by a potential expansion, providing information on cost and benefits.

The organization is hoping to extend its boundaries to include another 19 members.

The BIA hopes to have a draft bylaw to Dysart council in the fall regarding the expansion.

Actor returns to Haliburton to attend premiere of hockey movie

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

It's better than a homecoming or a 10-year reunion.

Haliburton native Chris Ratz will return to the stage he once performed on at the Northern Lights Pavilion on March 10 to attend the screening of *Score: A Hockey Musical*, part of Those Other Movies.

Unlike other members of the audience, it will be his own face Ratz sees appear on the screen.

Born and raised in Haliburton, Ratz, now 28, attended Haliburton Highlands Secondary School in the late 1990s before pursuing a career in acting.

After studying theatre at George Brown College, Ratz graduated in 2004 and has been working professionally ever since.

In *Score: A Hockey Musical*, Ratz plays the goalie of the home team. The experience, he says, was amazing, but a little scary at first.

"I wasn't much of a skater," laughs Ratz. "Luckily being from Haliburton I had skated a bit growing up, so I had that basis there. But when they cast me I had a month before I started shooting my scenes so I spent every day on the ice."

Ratz also lacked another famous Haliburton talent: the ability to play hockey.

"I had to get someone to try and teach me to look like I knew how to play goal," said Ratz. "By the time we shot I was quite comfortable and was having a blast and wasn't worried I was going to look bad anymore."

Directed by Michael McGowan, the film also stars Olivia Newton-John and Nelly Furtado, both of whom Ratz met at the movie's premiere.

The film revolves around a 17-year old boy who has the stick-handling skills of Sidney Crosby and is signed to a major hockey league, where he achieves instant stardom.

Other projects Ratz has been involved with include a recently filmed CBC mini-series titled *The Englishman's Boy*, as well as the lead role in a film called *Suck*.

The chance to come back to Haliburton is one the young actor is looking forward to.

"I try to get back there as much as I can because I love it and miss it," said Ratz. "It's still home."

The screening will include



Haliburton's Chris Ratz will return March 10 for a screening of *Score: A Hockey Musical*, a movie he acts in. /Submitted photo

an introduction by Ratz and a question opportunity following the film.

Score: A Hockey Musical will be shown on March 10 at 4:15 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. at the Northern Lights Pavilion. The film is rated PG and is 92 minutes in length.

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Heck, we've got PC leader Tim Hudak dropping by to talk business with Chamber of Commerce members.

Simultaneously, local Liberal MPP Rick Johnson gives us the good news that our Colourfest fall festival will be getting a whopping \$27,000.

(The local BIA put in hours of paperwork to get the grant, see story on page 3.)

His office was in overdrive last week, releasing his speech to Queen's Park about the success of the Ontario Senior Winter Games; a big chunk of money to repair a road near Lindsay and sending news of

11 more schools getting all-day kindergarten (none in this county).

All of this and we're still six months away from the election itself.

Presumably in the coming months we'll start hearing directly from the would-be MPPs.

Let the games begin!

Give roads workers space

You can learn a lot about someone's job if you have a couple of hours and a radio scanner.

At the paper, we have this machine to find out if someone's house is on fire or if there's a big accident we should cover, but in the downtime, you can also hear the roads workers.

Friday night, banter back and forth was about keeping the lanes clear for drivers through slushy, snowy conditions.

It was also about impatient drivers following closely, high beams on.

It shouldn't need to be said that these workers should be given space on the road, but unfortunately some drivers are missing the point.

Our roads workers make our lives easier – much easier.

So, let's try to give them the respect they deserve.



Jenn Watt
Editor



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Winter branches

photo by Darren Lum

Some light reading

A QUICK INVENTORY of my place recently revealed that I have approximately 3,000 flashlights. This is something that happens to every outdoor-smen in time – not because flashlights are something we want. No, it's because flashlights are something we forget.

I remember my very first flashlight, an unreliable little number that I bought at age 15 after my father refused to lend me one of the 3,000 flashlights that he had accumulated.

I bought this one to go duck hunting but when I got to the cabins we were staying at and unpacked, I realized that I had left that flashlight back home in a place where I wouldn't forget it.

So the next day, I bought another one. And that's how it all began.

In hindsight, I preferred it when things were simpler and we just stumbled around in the dark.

It wasn't all that different actually. You see, back then, flashlight beams were not as technically advanced as they are today. That first one, for instance, would throw out a beam that would barely illuminate the end of the canoe. It actually moved slower than the speed of light.

The next day I went and bought a more powerful flashlight, although I now know that a smarter man would have saved himself a fortune by buying a shorter canoe.

If you are counting, that's three flashlights I had come to own within a day of my first duck hunting experience. If only it ended there, I'd be financially solvent.

Over the next week or two, one got wet

and refused to work, so I bought another one which I immediately dropped on a rock, which prompted me to buy a third that I misplaced in my duffle bag. And so it went.



Steve Galea
Loon Tales

This would be fine if I only threw the old ones away. But here's the thing with outdoor-smen and flashlights. They never get rid of a flashlight because they think – for some reason – that they'll eventually be able to repair one. It has been my experience, however, that most of us would have a better chance of repairing the Titanic.

Why this is the case is beyond me. After all, we're basically talking about the simplest of circuits, a battery or two and a bulb. It's the kind of thing any kid rigs up in science class. Having said that, I've known electrical engineers who could not repair one.

Besides, there's no point repairing one or even buying batteries for it because they are always on sale, batteries included, for cheaper than you could buy the replacement batteries.

These days, however, outdoor flashlights have become so technologically advanced that you don't even need to hold them. No, you strap them on your head like a miner's headlamp. Then when you are walking in the dark and you and your buddy turn to talk to each other, your retinas get scorched by each other's beams, which do a passable imitation of a solar flare.

And, 3,000 flashlights later, you still stumble in the dark.

points of view

The best place

STUART EXPLODED INTO the room like a runaway train. His older quieter sister Camilla trailed behind him like the caboose. The two children had come to their Poppa Tim's new home for a first time visit. It was a new house in a new town with new Nana Alice as well. The newness seemed almost more that Stuart could stand. As he stood in the new-to-him kitchen, the words tumbled out of him at breakneck speed. The drive, lunch, Camilla, his new goldfish: the topics ranged wildly. And then the questions: what was for supper, how far to the arena, were there any wolves in the backyard and could he go on the computer?

The last question evoked a sudden silence. Both adults knew this would come up, though not so soon. They felt four young eyes on them as they prepared to answer.



Sharon Lynch
Down our Road

Tim explained the house rule. Each child could have a maximum of one hour per day on the computer which they could use all at once or spread over time. In shocked disbelief Stuart looked at Camilla. The implications of this rule became clear. "But that's not fair!" blurted out Stuart. Camilla looked at the floor.

Tim explained that they wanted the children to enjoy their visit and for them to all have fun together. "And that's hard to do when someone is on the computer. Besides we're going to be pretty busy away from the house."

It was obvious Stuart wasn't buying this.

Finally Camilla said, "But I'm older than Stuart so I should have more time, right Poppa?" Before Stuart could wade in with an objection, Tim disappointed the girl by saying age was not a factor; an hour was an hour.

Then, hoping to change the mood that had suddenly sunk lower than a frog's belly, Alice suggested hot chocolate followed by a walk downtown. The two children turned their eyes her way, apparently torn between the good news of drink, the bad news of computer and the unknown nature of walking downtown.

Sitting only slightly more quietly than when he had made his entrance, Stuart asked more questions as he squirmed on the kitchen chair. How far was it downtown, was there a McDonald's, would they see any wolves as they walked and when could he have his hour? Alice said there would be no computer until after their walk.

Once dressed they set out for the two blocks that constituted downtown. Stuart alternated between running ahead and dawdling behind, depending on what caught his attention. A group of crows calling from atop a bare maple, the frozen river and a hunt for wolf tracks on the sidewalk kept him occupied.

By contrast, Camilla walked with the adults. But she looked everywhere they went and asked if there were beavers in the river and deer in the woods. Alice and Tim took turns answering questions and watching for wayward cars as Stuart did not seem to believe in sidewalks most of the time.

Their eventual destination was the library and while it was a hit with the children, their most favourite place was the shortcut through a parking lot. The previous night's rain had been followed by a quick freeze, turning the lot into a virtual skating rink.

As soon as Stuart and Camilla realized what was underfoot, all they wanted to do was slide and slide again across its slippery surface. No need for skates or anything else. They had to be practically dragged away from this gem of entertainment.

On the way home, Stuart spied an enormous mountain of snow pushed up the neighbour's ploughed driveway. No sooner could Tim and Alice turn around than both children were playing king and queen of the mountain before skimming down its side in their winter clothing.

Once they were all back in the house their rosy cheeks glowed and no one mentioned computers. Tim brought out the old crokinole board and placed it on the dining room table. An hour flew by while beef stew bubbled in the slow cooker and the house echoed with the soft click of fingers flicking game pieces across the board.

Sitting down to supper, Stuart was the most quiet he had been all day, though his full mouth might have had something to do with it. And when Tim and Alice suggested they take the dog for a walk before bedtime, he piped up "In the dark?" Upon hearing an affirmative, he burst out "This is the best place in the whole world!" and then asked for a second helping.



pic of the past

These smiling faces belong to Bishop and Wilson players who skated their way to a 6-3 win over Emmerson Lumber to win the men's league championship back in March, 1984. Shown moments after the final buzzer sounded are, back row from left, Stuart Baker, Tom Curry, Steve Cooper, John Robinson, Brian Black, Jim Winn and Bob Woodcock. Front row from left, Jerry Thivierge, Ken Riley, Paul Howe, Wayne Ellison and Steve Kirkpatrick.

letters to the editor

Taxi driver didn't work for us

To the Editor,

Re: Taxi driver charged with DUI after collision, page 2

We, Stan and Carol Wilson, owner/operators of Grumpy's Taxi of Haliburton/Minden, would like to take the time to reassure the general public that on Feb. 26, 2011, we *did/do not* have a driver employed within our company who was charged with impaired driving. Nor did any of our drivers have a minor collision. We also *did/do not* allow our customers to open or consume alcohol within our vehicles.

Denying this in one's employment is irresponsible and suggests a willingness to implicate others. As owner/operator, we feel it is our responsibility to reassure all customers as well as the general public, that the safety and well being of our customers is very important to us as well as each and every one of our professional drivers. We ensure that *no* driver is impaired behind the wheel of any vehicle operated by Grumpy's Taxi.

A responsible owner/operator or the driver would take full responsibility for their actions.

If you have any questions, concerns or comments regarding this issue or any others, please feel free to contact Carol at 705-457 2276.

Thank you in advance.

Stan and Carol Wilson
Minden

Debt much smaller than reported

To the Editor,

What a load of hocus-pocus in Barry Peters's recent letter on the McGuinty Liberals extension of the debt retirement charge.

Page 5 of the Ontario Electricity Financial Corporations Annual Report clearly states that the residual stranded debt was \$7.8 billion, not the \$20 billion figure that Mr. Peters and the McGuinty government made up.

The debt retirement charge was applied to bills to pay for the residual stranded debt and nothing else.

He is right that since 2002 taxpayers have paid nearly \$1 billion per year to retire this debt that was the result of David Peterson's decisions around Darlington. My calculator tells me that the \$7.8 billion debt's been paid, yet the McGuinty Liberals are going to charge families \$1 billion per year plus HST for the next 7 years for reasons they won't tell us.

The only way to solve this money mystery is to have a forensic audit.

Pull back the curtain and show the public the books. The fact that Dalton McGuinty continues to refuse to do so is telling you something.

Jim Wilson, MPP
Simcoe-Grey

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letters

Seniors need housing before pool

To the Editor,

I was glad to see some of council were thinking about senior housing. I'll bet some of the 1,000 signatures for a pool were seniors just going along to get along. But it might be a good idea to take a telephone survey of senior citizens as planning for future senior housing needs.

If we have the highest percentage of seniors for any county in Ontario as is mentioned so often, we need to know how many and how soon they might need it. Trying to get all the senior citizens together somewhere would be like herding cats, and a phone study doesn't have to cost \$35,000.

I wonder how many of them knew someone who moved away seeking housing. I am sure there are many widows who would look forward to a small apartment of their own rather than moving in with their children somewhere else. Maybe we

should ask for help from our MPP.

While we are at it, I hope the next time he comes around for a grin at the camera while he recycles some of our HST dollars back to us (even from hydro – delivery, regulatory charges, and debt retirement included) ask him about the series in the *Toronto Star*, (a very Liberal newspaper) concerning senior care in Ontario. Why have the funds for the CCAC system been cut back, and many ordered to concentrate on care of seniors bounced out of hospital beds in a hurry because that was getting a lot of attention?

And while you're at it, ask what progress the premier's \$1.1 billion Aging at Home project is making. Properly done, it could keep some of us out of the county's home projects long enough for them to get built!

**Harvey Clarke
Donald**

Children need proven vaccinations

To the Editor,

I would like to respond to Darlene Buckingham's thoughtful viewpoint as to whether or not to vaccinate children.

I suspect this issue will become more prominent when parents become more aware of the availability of the HPV (Human Papilloma Virus) vaccine recommended for all girls ages 12 to 14. This will protect them from the possibility of cervical cancer caused by this sexually transmitted disease (it is estimated that 50 per cent males carry this virus – they should also be inoculated before becoming sexually active) but that's opening another can of worms for anti-vaccination parents with teen-aged kids.

Ms. Buckingham indicated that "today children under two receive many more vaccinations than when she was a child." I am a grandmother born in the generation when polio, smallpox, measles, rubella, mumps, whooping cough, even flu were to be survived – a time when a quarantine sign was placed on the front door and I was stuck in bed for two or more weeks. Doctors even made house calls then, but I am still here (thanks to medicines despite all of their acknowledged side effects).

I am also one whose fairly recent ancestors lost close to 50 per cent of their young children and infants to infectious diseases. Have a look at the dates in your local, pioneer cemetery and at the number of children who died at about the same time. Today, a child's death is rarely the side effect of vaccines.

Since Andrew Wakefield is mentioned in your letter, be aware that his licence to practice medicine has been revoked and that the *British Medical Journal* has deemed his research, "a deliberate fraud." Most likely he will be sued by U.K. and U.S. parents whose children either died or became disabled because of his advice not to allow MMR vaccinations. Fortunately, our children have been protected by the Ministry of Health and its law.

Finally, I agree this is not a black and white issue but vaccinations and their life-prolonging benefits rest on very firm, scientific ground.

Now, as parents and grandparents, let's work together to provide our children with clean water, air, nutritious food and more opportunities for healthy, long lives.

Helena Hughes

Many ways to reduce heating costs

Angelica Blenich

Staff reporter

Many might think eliminating heating bills is more myth than reality, but Pam Sayne argues this is not the case.

An expert in the field of home construction and inspections, Sayne offered up some advice on how to make your house more energy efficient and economical during the Chamber of Commerce breakfast held on March 3 at the Red Umbrella Inn.

According to Sayne, a number of environmental initiatives are contributing to more efficient homes, resulting in greater savings.

As building codes are constantly changing and improving, Sayne says the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation is moving toward balancing the demands of our housing needs with those of our natural environment.

A new sustainable housing initiative called EQUilibrium integrates a number of design strategies, technologies, products and techniques to reduce a home's energy consumption and environmental impact.

"Science hasn't changed," said Sayne, "how we use the



Pam Sayne of Know Your Home Inspections speaks about heat loss and creating energy efficient homes at the monthly Chamber of Commerce breakfast on March 3. /Angelica Blenich

home.

"When building a new home think through everything to make it energy efficient," said Sayne.

house has changed."

Energy efficient homes include features such as climate and site-specific designs, solar heating and cooling, energy efficient appliances, renewable energy systems such as geothermal heating and water conservation strategies.

By reducing energy use we create a healthier home, said Sayne.

By keeping the heat in, individuals will begin to notice a difference in their heating costs, Sayne argues. Ways to do this include identifying where air, water and moisture meet in your

Ontario Hydro debt charge a 'tax grab'

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brook MPP said Ontario working families are falling further and further behind and he wants to see the province do better for itself.

"I've always known an Ontario that was a leader in the country," he said.

Since energy issues – particularly the cost of electricity – are shaping up to be a major issue in the fall's provincial election, Hudak brought Yakabuski along with him.

Yakabuski criticized the McGuinty government's lack of a plan to phase out coal power production plants as well as its green energy strategy, which he said was a fiscal mistake.

"Regardless of what your view is off green power, somebody has to pay for it," he said.

That strategy includes a program where homeowners and businesses can mount solar panels on their buildings and get paid by feeding power to the provincial grid.

Hudak favours nuclear and hydro power, which he called clean and renewable.

Yakabuski also criticized the Liberals' extension of the debt retirement charge on Ontario electricity bills until 2018. The charge, which was introduced in 1998 and is used to pay down the stranded debt left behind by what was Ontario Hydro, was to be eliminated in 2012, Yakabuski said.

Hudak said he had recently made a motion in Queen's Park for a forensic audit on the money collected from the charge, how much had been collected in total and where it had gone.

That motion was defeated

"Looks like they're turning it into a permanent tax grab," he said.

Hudak also wondered if attendees thought the rate of the harmonized sales tax, introduced last year, needed to be reduced.

"In an area like this, that would make life a lot easier," said Jim Mitchell, who heads up the county's medical professional recruitment effort.

Mitchell then told Hudak instead of referring to "Ontario families" when speaking, he should say "Ontarians" to be more inclusive.

Minden Hills Councillor-at-large Larry Clarke, a director with the chamber, said he'd like to see some means of getting more corporations to invest in Ontario, particularly in research and development to improve the business atmosphere.

"The reality of small business is a third to a half are just getting by," he said, adding he feared the Canadian business climate was becoming more Americanized, a symptom of which is the country's shrinking middle class. Clarke thought the province needed to look at a long-term strategy to support its small businesses.

One attendee brought up Bill 119, which has increased the WSIB taxes businesses must pay.

Hudak called it a "bad bill," that was "nothing more than a tax grab," and that as premier he would move to remove it.

Hudak would also eliminate the province's Local Health Integration Networks.

"The LHINs are nothing more than an expensive shield for the premier to hide behind" when the province makes layoffs, he said.

On affordable housing, Hudak said the province didn't offer enough incentives for people to construct rental units for low-income Ontarians.

The election is scheduled for Oct. 6.

Downtown hydro construction on hold

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

Burying the hydro lines along the main street of Haliburton will not begin this spring as originally planned.

An update email from the executive members of the Haliburton BIA says that construction along Highland Street will not get underway this spring and even a fall start is uncertain.

According to Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey it's too late to begin construction this spring and the municipality hasn't got the utilities lined up.

Fearrey said the project's official status would be confirmed at the March 7 meeting of council.

The project had an original anticipated start time of this coming April, pending discussions between Hydro One personnel and the municipality of Dysart et al.

The construction was scheduled to break for the months of July and August to accommodate the cottage season before being picked up again in the fall.

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Survive first, race second

➤ Local dogsled team proves to be among the toughest, finishing the 1,000-mile Yukon Quest.

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

He sports a full beard, eyes like a winter sky, weathered skin from the blistering winds he faced for years as a musher, long brown hair, wild, like the landscape he recently endured in the greatest test for man and dog in the completion of the annual Yukon Quest.

Hank DeBruin, owner of Winterdance Dogsled Tours and a Haliburton resident, is a soft-spoken man with a steely glare, who is just like the focused, purposeful men the race memorializes.

The 1,000-mile competition retraces their steps delivering mail and supplies between Whitehorse, Yukon to Fairbanks, Alaska at the height of the gold rush at the turn of the 20th century.

When DeBruin says something, you believe it – like how this is not a race, quoting the event's mantra: survive first, race second.

DeBruin may receive the accolades and the attention from media and the public, but he gives all the credit to his 14 Siberian husky sled team, led by Lily, calling them "the true heroes."

His wife Tanya McCready DeBruin, who met up with her husband at various checkpoints on the race along with her brother Ward, says it was the dog team's heart and drive that carried them to the finish in 13 days, 10 hours and 54 minutes.

His team of nine dogs (five withdrew along the way) was one of 13 finishers from the 25 sled dog team field that included two lost dogs and one musher who ended up waist-deep in water, nearly dying, but luckily saved by a fellow competitor.

This year's race is considered the toughest of all the quests because of the extreme cold temperatures dipping to -60°C and blinding snowstorms with gale-force winds (one of which was on the heels of DeBruin on the last push for the finish). For most of the race, his dog team wore booties on their paws to protect them from the cold and whenever the team stopped or rested, they wore coats. DeBruin said he had chemical hand warmers for every mitt and glove and urinating was done quickly.

Surviving is victory

As far as finishing last – after dealing with aggressive moose, ever-changing terrain, overflow of water in low lying areas (that can always pose a threat of hypothermia and death) and whiteout snowstorms, which even caused one musher to return to a checkpoint start without even realizing it – DeBruin points out surviving and finishing the quest is victory in itself.

He earned the Red Lantern Award for his last-place finish, which will sit on the top shelf of a glass door cabinet in the kitchen beside his Yukon Quest patch.

There are, he said, more people who have climbed Mount Everest than who have finished the quest.

There have only been 266 finishers of the 1,000-mile event, which started in 1984.

Seeing his wife and brother-in-law every few hundred miles at various checkpoints helped him through the hard times and when that didn't help, DeBruin turned to Facebook for support.

Just before the ascension of the summit portions such as King Solomon and Eagle, rising as high as 4,000 feet, he was a little down battling the extreme cold, but when his



Darren Lum Echo staff

Hank DeBruin with his lead dog Lily, who showed him the way when he couldn't see much farther than his sled.

wife was able to show him the many comments of support through their Facebook site, he was buoyed by the encouraging words from all over the world.

There were 2,200 official fans on his page and an untold number who followed.

"It was really neat to be able to share an experience through Facebook with people," he said.

On the final climb of the course, coming along the Rosebud peak, measuring 3.5 miles, in the night, he remembers it was like a scene out of a movie. A sight he will never forget in his life when a full moon hung in the air, lighting his way across the summit.

"It was above the tree line ... everything looked the same other than a big moon," he said. "It was unbelievable. The trail was marked with reflectors, every couple of hundred feet and there are these big reflectors a foot high so when you're running that and your headlamp picks up these reflectors it's like you're hanging in air with all these lights above you, below you. It's the most incredible thing."

Before he could savour the reverie of the moment his team was slammed by another storm.

"It was like a fist hitting you. It flipped my sled over, knocked the team over...it was unbelievable," he said.

For a man who has seen the wildest of weather and endured the toughest of conditions, physical and mental, emotion and fantastical tales are not usually shared.

Almost turned around

"There was one point I almost turned around. It was in one storm. I couldn't see the dogs on my team [except for the back legs of the closest dogs] ... Lily was running single-lead ... I used to have an old lead called Laser. We lost Laser six or seven years ago and Laser came to me in [that] storm and guided us through it," he said, adding it probably sounds corny and that could be owed to sleep deprivation.

He remembers Laser was the type of dog that would

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There was one point I almost turned around. It was in one storm. I couldn't see the dogs on my team.

— *Hank DeBruin*

climb a tree if asked. "I've never had a dog like that before and I'll never have a dog like that again. He's one of those once-in-a-lifetime leaders. He was an incredible dog," he said.

"Just before we left I had a dream about Laser and woke up the next morning and told Tanya we're going to finish this race," he said.

DeBruin recalls before all the competitors hit the trail at the event banquet there was a slideshow where one dog eerily looked like Laser.

"It was unbelievable. A picture of Laser, but it wasn't Laser – an exact replica. It was just like an omen. I don't know. Sounds strange. Sounds weird," DeBruin said. "Spirits of the trail, I call it."

In the beginning DeBruin had a tough time.

"The first two days is the hardest. You're just getting into it and then all of a sudden, slowly you get into it, slowly your mind focuses on what is ahead and you're forgetting everything else," he said.

On the very first day, DeBruin made the mental mistake of thinking about the finish line and how far it was, but soon settled in and broke the race down into 40- or 50-mile segments, except for the sled packing when food and equipment were essential to life on the trail.

When the team approached the finish line in Fairbanks, he remembers his team stopped short of the finish chute, veering to the river away from the crowds.

"It was all just too much. The only people I wanted to see was Tanya and Ward, and then several other mushers that I ran with – people I knew," he said, adding his team was used to the solitude.

"It never hit home that we finished until the three days later," he said. "Suddenly, wow, we just finished the toughest race in the world." Back home, DeBruin smiles every time he thinks about it.

He is appreciative to everyone who has shown their support for his team before he went and after, particularly the efforts of Sue Yallop, who ensured many people from Carnarvon to Haliburton showed their support for the local team with a red ribbon, including signs and a lit red lantern. "The community doesn't realize how much that means when you come back from something like that. It's an incredible feeling," he said. "That was really cool. It was a nice touch."

Racing future

DeBruin is waiting to decide whether he'll embark on another epic dogsled race, depending on how the next few weeks at the business go.

If he does go, he'll be missed by his family, including his wife.

From September until the actual race in February, McCready DeBruin said, he was not around a lot because of training and preparing for the quest, which was hard on his four young children, who welcomed their dad home with a congratulations banner, complete with a picture of the Red Lantern Award.

"When he was talking about going to another one, the kids were like, 'we really want Daddy to race, but we really want him to be home. I think we all feel the same way,' she said. "It's good to have him back."

Barnes writes of gold in Kirkland Lake

Jade Fisher
Echo Co-op student

Kirkland Lake is one of the great mining towns of the world. From 1912 to now it has produced several billion dollars worth of gold, unfortunately in 1999 the last mine closed and many had to pack up and sell their home.

But in 2002, a large amount of gold was found and now Kirkland Lake is making a comeback. This community now needs 1,000 new homes, and people are being hired again.

A book has recently been released discussing this topic called *Gold in Kirkland Lake*. The author, Michael Barnes of Haliburton, lived in Kirkland Lake for 26 years.

As a professional writer, Barnes writes books that are requested of him, ensuring a certain amount of success.

"All of my books have been successful because I am a professional writer, I don't do books that aren't needed," he says.

Confidence is scarcely needed, Michael Barnes has already written more than 50 books and is in the midst of writing another.

His next book has to do with Northern Ontario, which he expects to do well.

"It will go on to libraries and universities, and ordinary people will buy it," he said.

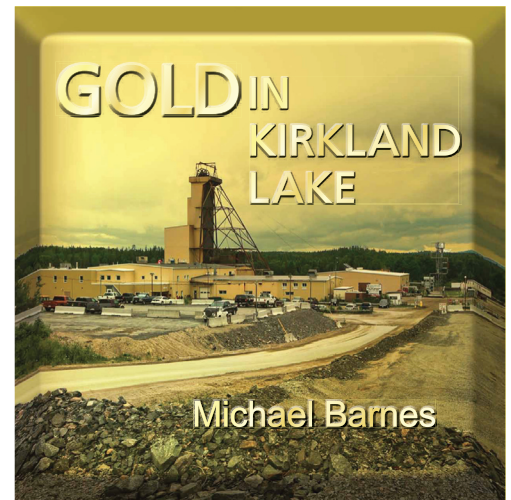
Barnes is a commercial writer. This means that he does not choose the topics of the books he writes, but instead the topic is chosen by a publisher or company that wishes for him to write on the subject's behalf.

"A commercial writer has to, because publishing today in Canada is fragile ... [Companies] will not invest a lot of time and money in a book that won't bring back their investment and make some profit for them," he said.

After 14 months of work, *Gold in Kirkland Lake* is ready for shelves.

"There is no favourite part of writing a book, it's hard work, I mean I've done more than 50 books and that's what I do, it's interesting and it's fun to do, but it's darn hard work."

Barnes has accomplished many things in his life from writing for the *Globe and Mail* to freelancing for CBC and does not plan on retiring his talents anytime soon. Instead he plans to continue his writing career.



Local author Michael Barnes's most recent book is called *Gold in Kirkland Lake*.

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Moontones hit Folk Camp stage

Local musician and radio personality Kris Kadwell, front right, of The Moontones belts it out at Camp Wanakita on March 5 during the Winter Folk Camp festivities, an initiative of the Haliburton County Folk Society.

Angelica Blenich Echo staff

What's in a name ...

Greg Roe



Music Notes

William Shakespeare penned the phrase, "What's in a name? That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet." Juliet, of course, is referring to Romeo's family name Montague, and saying in essence, names don't matter.

True in romance, but not so in "showbiz." Music is no exception!

Gordon Mills was a clever manager in the 1960s. He had many famous clients, among them Gerry Dorsey whose name he felt was too ... well, forgettable. He needed a name

that people would remember. Mills chose the name of a long dead Austrian composer and Engelbert Humperdinck was born (or reborn). Similarly, Ray O'Sullivan, playing off the popularity of Gilbert and Sullivan, became Gilbert O'Sullivan and went on to success, despite reportedly not liking the name himself.

Movies have often been the source for musical names. Bad Company took their name from a 1972 movie starring Jeff Bridges, while Black Sabbath turned to a Karloff flick for their moniker. Thomas

Jones Woodward was given the shorter name, Tom Jones, to take advantage of the movie's popularity. Wayne Fontana and the Mindbenders turned to a British horror film, while Question Mark borrowed from a Japanese sci-fi classic, *The Mysterians*.

Reginald Dwight took his stage name from two local musicians, Elton Dean and Long John Baldry, and went on to become pop icon, Elton John. (Baldry, interestingly, moved to Canada and lived for many years in the Dundas, Ontario area.) Elvis Costello also took his name from two of his heroes, Elvis Presley and Lou Costello. Ray Charles Robinson shortened his name to avoid being confused with the popular boxer Sugar Ray Robinson.

Some names came from the physical stature of the artists themselves. J. P. Richardson became the Big Bopper because of his 240 pound frame and the names Fats Domino and Chubby Checker also referred to the artists' size. Richard Penniman became Little Richard because of his relatively small stature. Dire Straits, was a description of the band's financial stature at the start of their career.

Borrowing names can result in some problems. Buffalo Springfield took their name from a company that made asphalt rollers, an idea that came to them while stuck in traffic on the L.A. Freeway. In this case, the company was happy to have the publicity. Poco, on the other hand, was originally named Pogo after the popular comic strip character but Walt Kelly, the creator, was not impressed and threatened to sue. Pogo, quickly became Poco, likely a better name in the long run. The band Chicago ran into the same problem. Originally called The Chicago Transit Authority, the threat of being sued forced them to shorten their name.

Sometimes bands got their names by looking to other bands that influenced them. The Beatles were admirers of Buddy Holly and The Crickets. (Band member Jerry Allison came up with the Crickets because crickets make music by rubbing their legs together.) The Eagles were influenced by The Byrds, and The Stones took their name from a song by one of their blues heroes, Muddy Waters.

Originally called the Warlocks, The Grateful Dead were looking for a new name when they found that a band called The Warlocks already existed. "Grateful dead" comes from an old English folk tale wherein a traveller enters a village where the townspeople are desecrating, and refusing to bury, the body of a man who died, owing money to his creditors. The horrified traveller pays the man's debts and sees to a decent burial. Later in his travels, the kindly gent finds himself in a situation where his life is saved by a very mysterious event that is accredited to the dead man's grateful spirit. Hence, The Grateful Dead were born.

Finally, here's one that harkens back to those cold days in February. The band in question was looking for a name that suggested the fact they had three lead singers. The girlfriend of one of the band members had recently read an article about people in cold climates that slept with their dogs for warmth and the coldest weather was called a Three Dog Night. The boys liked it and a great band was born.

Name origins can be truly fascinating and the fascination goes beyond music. Some readers will likely know, for example, that Toronto was once called York and that Kitchener was originally Berlin. Did you know, however, that Gelert was once named Little Ireland? That's a discussion for another time and place.

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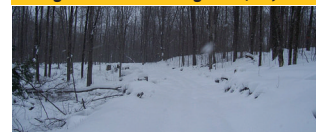
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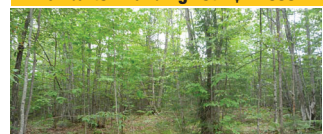
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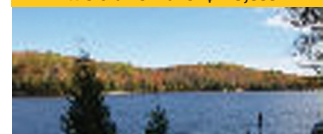
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Community 'Transition' in the works

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

A unifying thing happened in the Fleming College main building Saturday, Feb. 26.

Passionate and concerned, Haliburton County residents accepted the move towards becoming an official "Transition" community after hearing Barrie Transition members, Dave and Bonnie Collacott speak.

It was a captivated audience of more than 20 who heard the Collacotts' experience of employing the 12-step framework (as outlined at www.transitionnetwork.org) for a stronger community dealing with issues of education, building, government, food, economy, transport and energy.

Steps are designed to organize the movement from creating working groups to reaching out to local politicians to planning visible examples of progress for the community.

Although Haliburton County already has projects and hosts events closely related to the steps, the audience was receptive to being part of a worldwide network.

The steps are taken to become an official Transition community, which entails creating communities that are more resilient to outside influences, building stronger relationships between people, and addressing the concerns of a diminishing oil resource and climate change.

With official status, the county would be included among more than 190 communities globally and more than 600 other communities making steps towards official Transition status, including national transition hubs such as Transition USA.

"We think, probably, the most important thing is to look at what we can do to make our community become more resilient to handle these changes in a way that is at least as personally satisfying as the way we live now," guest speaker Dave Collacott said. "How can we respond to those things joyfully and find ways to have a good life? In my mind that's what the Transition initiative is all about."

Following the presentation made by the Collacotts, the audience set a date for a follow-up meeting for 1 p.m. on March 5.

Anyone interested in attending this meeting to move the initiative forward and to learn about the key ideas of 'Transition' should telephone Kaarina Blackie at 705-754-2233 to confirm their attendance.

Bonnie Collacott said Transition Barrie continues to have growing pains more than a year after forming and recognizes the divide between communities within Barrie, caused by geographical and sociological differences.

It will most likely result in more than one Transition group in the future.

Dave said his group has been responsible for hosting several movie nights for awareness of the concept and philosophy, community challenges such as a rain barrel collection decoration contest, which resulted in several hundred people in attendance, keynote speaker presentations, food days, a soup night and a garden sharing project.

The Collacotts emphasized people must change their mindsets in order to have local change, which will then have a global impact.

The conservation group Environment Haliburton helped to organize the presentation. The international concept was started by environmentalist Rob Hopkins, who was shown on a video recorded for TED (Technology, Entertainment and Design), in Kinsale, Ireland in 2005 and Totnes, England a year later.

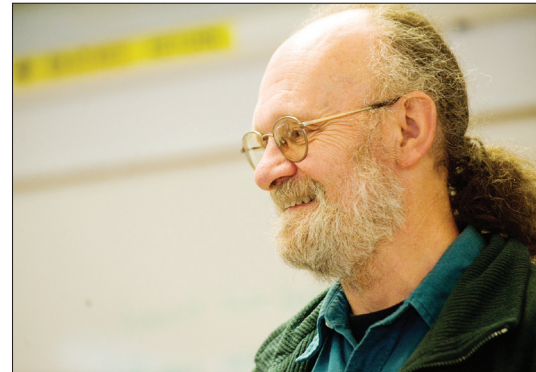
For additional resources related to Transition and prominent leaders and speakers such as Hopkins see the Transition website (www.transitionnetwork.org/) and the TED website (www.ted.com).

EH's president Lilius can also be contacted for information about the local focus 705-754-9873.



The most important thing is to look at what we can do to make our community become more resilient.

— Dave Collacott



EH president Eric Lilius smiles at the beginning of the Transition Community presentation led by Barrie residents Dave and Bonnie Collacott at the Fleming College Haliburton campus on Saturday, Feb. 26.

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Loop Troupe brings laughter to Lloyd Watson Centre

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

There was lots of laughter at Wilberforce's Lloyd Watson Centre on March 4 and 5 as The Loop Troupe Little Theatre presented its take on Dennis Snee's *That Was No Lady, That Was a Private Eye*.

The humorous one-act play tells the story of private eye Phyllis Harlowe (Kim Barrett) who takes on a case where she must protect piano tuner Alexander Stevens (Danny Linkert) from his estranged and deranged debutante fiancé Darlene Bourgeois (Tessa Barnes) so he has time to flee the country and take a job as the house tuner at the Vatican.

Despite some interference from police chief Captain Callaghan (Cecil Ryall) and with some information from gossip manicurist Ruth (Joan Barton), Harlowe finds herself hot on the trail of Bourgeois, until she is confronted by her henchwomen (Jodi Rupnow and Nataly Goulet).

The play concludes with a humorous standoff that is finally ended when Harlowe's tacky lounge singer boyfriend (Steve Kauffeldt) enters the room in a burst of song, causing Bourgeois and her henchwoman to swoon and pass out.

Also on the roster was Cathy Agnew as Harlowe's soap opera-obsessed assistant Millie Barling and Carol Monohan and Bonnie Ryall as informants.

The cohesive cast showed impeccable comedic timing, pulling off a performance that was great fun to watch and had the audience in an uproar.

Barrett remained on stage for the entire 40-minute performance, portraying the sarcastic, dead-pan Harlowe with well-rehearsed mannerisms and nary a hiccup.

Directed by Hilda Clark, Christine Hattin was stage manager, Linkert and Ron Reid looked after sound and lighting, Valerie French provided makeup and Flo Elliot, Marg Jeske, Gill Stephen and Carol McNabb made sure guests were well looked after.

The show was another sterling example of the vibrant live theatre community alive in the county.

The Loop Troupe wished to thank Highlands East for the use of the centre for rehearsals and meetings.

For more information about the Loop Troupe, contact Linkert at 705-448-2708 or Clark at 705-448-2018.



Ruth the manicurist (Joan Barton) swaps some gossip with private eye Phyllis Harlowe (Kim Barrett).



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Sports

Haliburton Nordic competitor not done with OFSAA

➤ Red Hawk Josh Wright has sights set on next season

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

Red Hawks Nordic skier Josh Wright has proven he belongs.

In a season that saw the 18-year-old finish in the top-five of a couple races and showed quantifiable race improvement, Wright demonstrated his place among the best Nordic skiers the province has to offer at the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations Nordic Championship hosted at the Nakkertok Cross Country Ski Club located just outside Ottawa.

The down-to-earth Wright finished in the top quarter with his 40th placing out of 160 competitors.

The lone Haliburton representative was only three and half minutes off the lead skier Benjamin Wilkinson-Zan of Lisgar Collegiate, who finished the 7.5 km course in a little more than 18 minutes.

Although Wright couldn't remember exactly what his best finish was, he said, this being at least his second best OFSAA finish.

Wright was still smiling and proud of his achievement.

He gave credit for his success to past coaches Mike Darlington and Blake Paton, who were instructors for the Jack Rabbit Program offered through the Haliburton Highlands Nordic Ski Club, current coach Sharon Dibblee for her attention to technique when he started with the high school team, Sean Sinclair, who was instrumental in entering him in his first race, and, for the man who not only gave him coaching advice, but loaned his own skis after Wright's were less than ready just before competition, Jon Grimwood of Lakefield District Secondary School.

Haliburton's small team left Wright to spend more time with Lakefield's team this season, even staying with them during Ontario Cup races and the all-provincials.

Wright knew many of the other senior boys' team members from his various head-to-head competition in Grade 10.

Even with two of these competitors, who beat him at the all-provincials, leaving for post-secondary education, Wright knows it doesn't mean certain success, as many of the Lakefield's Grade 11 competitors this season were right on his heels.

After four trips to the all-provincials, he is still hungering for improvement, committing to a personal fitness course at school and considering a physical education course next year in the first semester.

He believes it can only help his chances.

As far as any future in competitive Nordic skiing beyond high school, he's realistic about success and is not sure he'll continue with the sport for post-secondary education. Wright says he may return to his other winter sport interest of curling if it is an option instead of Nordic skiing.

Wrestlers strong at OFSAA

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

The Red Hawks wrestling program is capping off this season with three top-12 finishes at the pinnacle of high school competitions.

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School wrestlers Zane Zondervan, Kayla Gardiner, Bailey Walker, Lily Coneybeare, Dylan Graham and Tara O'Sullivan wrestled well and did our county proud at the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations wrestling finals hosted by Sudbury from March 3 to March 4 at the Sudbury Arena.

With a field of at least 30 competitors, coming from all over Ontario, the coaches were pleased with everyone's efforts.

"They're all the best in the province so it's a good showing," coach Paul Klose said.

Klose said Gardiner (44 kg class) and Walker (47.5 kg) cracked the top-eight while teammate Grade 12 wrestler Zondervan finished in the top-12 for the 77 kg weight class.

Gardiner and Walker were within one match win of a top-six medal he said, adding that he and Dan Fockler couldn't be happier with their performances this season.

Like Zondervan, both young women are expecting to return next season, as they are in Grade 10 and likely to improve.

However Graham and O'Sullivan, who will be graduating at the end of the year, are not expected to return.



The HHSS boys hockey team's run for OFSAA was halted in the Kawartha Boys High School Hockey League against the Thomas A. Stewart Secondary Griffins 3-2 on Thursday, March 3. They hold their heads high after a dominating season that left the team with only one loss in the 2010-2011 season (27-1-1), including tournament play. /Darren Lum photo

Hawks OFSAA run ends in Kawartha

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

Disappointing probably doesn't cover it.

When you finish the regular season in dominating fashion it's easy for a team and a town to believe in destined playoff glory.

However, for whatever reason, from nerves to fate, Haliburton's run for OFSAA gold came to an end against the Thomas A. Stewart School Griffins in the Kawartha Final March 3.

Despite the 3-2 loss to the Griffins in the single-game elimination format of the Kawartha Finals for the berth to the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics final, the Red Hawks had a season to be proud of.

This Haliburton Highlands Secondary School boys' hockey team finished with an unprecedented undefeated season and its only blemish was the playoff loss in Peterborough.

Haliburton's head coach Ron Yake acknowledged the efforts off his team in the

playoff game that included two disallowed goals for the Red Hawks.

"The team showed great determination coming back from a 3-0 deficit in the third period, but peppering over 35 shots just wasn't enough to beat the hot Thomas A. Stewart goalie. The disappointing 3-2 loss ends the very successful season the Red Hawks put together," Yake wrote in an announcement for the school.

The team finished the season with an overall record of 27-1-1, including tournament games. Haliburton won all three tournaments they entered.

"The coaching staff is very proud of the Red Hawks pride and character shown by this group throughout the season and would like to thank them for their hard work and dedication," he said.

Haliburton coach Bruce Griffith said Scott Griffith, Keaton Gadway and Drew-Paul will attend post-secondary education while he expects Ashton Haley, Greg Clements, Carson Roberts and goalie Andi Elia to return next year.

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Red Hawk curlers advance to COSSA

The following was compiled by Judi Paul's class.

Friday, Feb. 25

The boys' Red Hawk curlers have advanced to COSSA after winning all three games.

The Red Hawk girls' curling team won all three games on the first day of competition at the Kawartha tourna-

ment, the first of which was against top-seeded I.E. Wel-don. On the second day of competition, the girls lost to A-side winner Campbellford, but won the second game, making them the B-side champions and qualifying them for COSSA. Congratulations to the team of Alana Bannister, Shannon Bittner, Emily Shapiera, Holly Broderick and Laura Pottier.

Thursday, March 3

The men's Red Hawks hockey team ended an amazing season with a 3-2 loss to Thomas A. Stewart at the Kawartha semi-finals.

Nordic skier Josh Wright had an impressive 40th overall finish in a highly competitive field at OFSAA.

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Third place team: Davis Gray, Don Popple, Joe Sebesta, Wes Lytle.

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Bantam AE Highland Storm blow into Bracebridge

The Bantam boys opened up their MPS finals Saturday night in Bracebridge. The hometown Bears applied the early pressure and goalie Logan Churko had to keep his teammates in the game until they found their skating legs. The Storm's Jesse Davis opened the scoring at 6:53 of the first period. He broke in on the Bears' goalie from the left hand side and beat him with a quick wrist shot to the top corner.

The two teams continued to press each other into the second period and Tyler Casey doubled the lead when he stole the puck deep in the Bears' zone, stepped around the defenceman and slipped the puck past the goalie. The lead held until late in the period when the Bears scored on a power play.

The third period was back and forth with the Storm unable to bury any of their chances and put the game away. Instead the Bears scored the next goal with 1:30 left in third to send the game into overtime.

Bracebridge scored the winner at 2:06 of the overtime to take a 1-0 series lead.

Game 2 took place Sunday afternoon in Minden. Once again the Bears controlled the early part of the period and once again the Storm struck first. Braden Roberts dashed into the enemy end, backed up the defence and beat the goalie with an accurate snap shot.

Bracebridge tied the game at 12:02 of the second period and so it remained into the third. With overtime looming the Bears ran into penalty trouble. The Bears had two men in the box when Hunter Bishop scored on a rebound and once again the boys looked to nurse that slim lead for the final 4:38. Roberts scored at the 1:26 mark and Bishop again 22 seconds later and the game was over.

The third and final game was scheduled for Monday night in Bracebridge. The bantam AE team is sponsored by Parker Pad and Printing.

-Submitted by Doug Sullivan

Highland Storm Pee wee AEs

What a weekend. Between hockey and the weather I am sure most of us hockey parents have a number of new white hairs and with the price of gas, lighter wallets.

The hockey weekend started off Friday March 4 with the long haul to Brighton for a 6:30 p.m. game against the Braves. The Storm boys were down two players, another not feeling well and a fourth nursing a foot injury. Despite this and the long trip the boys had come to play hockey and these two well matched teams set to it. The Storm boys interrupted the passing of the Braves, and decided to add a little more checking into the mix to come away with a 5-3 win. With two goals in the first period going to Ethan Cooper, assist for both going between Max MacNaull, Drew Vanlieshout, Jon Morrison and Josh Rowden. The second period goals go to Jake Bull and Josh Rowden with assists to Greg Crofts (2), Alex Wilbee and another for Jon Morrison. Our final goal in the third period was unassisted by Max MacNaull.

Game four in Minden proved to be another exciting game and with local support to try and drown out the continuous cheering and noise from a group of Braves fans was great but did not help the Storm boys to win a home game. The Storm came away with a 6-4 loss, which meant another trip to Brighton for game five.

This time the Storm bench was short three players. Goals this game went to Josh Rowden, Jake Bull (2) and Greg Crofts. Assists go to Ethan Cooper (3), Josh Rowden (2) and Alex Wilbee.

Game five in Brighton started out well with a goal by Ethan Cooper in the first period unassisted but was quickly answered by Brighton. The Storm boys were once again playing two players short on the bench, one returning from about with a 24-hour bug and still the fourth nursing that foot injury.

We ended up with two in the box in the first period making it a three on five, Tim Burgess our defenceman blocked a shot getting hit on the back of the upper left arm and lay on the ice writhing in pain as play contin-

ued not blown dead until Brighton scored, only then was our trainer allowed on the ice to assist our injured player. With the help of one of Brighton's bench staff along with our trainer our player went to our bench but then had to be helped off the ice.

So now once again the bench is short by three, but the Storm boys keep plugging away and managed to pull ahead only to have Brighton catch up. This was an exciting and interesting game with most of the calls going against the Storm including a penalty shot for Brighton with two minutes to go in the third, but was stopped by our marvellous first year goalie Parker Smolen, only for them to tie the game with a minute to go with a partially blinded shot. The score is now 5-5 and into overtime we go and within minutes Brighton scored the winning goal and went off to celebrate leaving the Storm to exit the ice. Goals for the rest of the game went to Josh Rowden, two more for Ethan Cooper making it a hat trick and two for Max MacNaull. Assists go to Ethan Cooper, Jake Bull, Josh Rowden and Greg Crofts.

To our team, you boys showed a lot of heart and perseverance in the face of adversity and should be proud of yourselves for what you have accomplished. You have played short, injured and sick, you have played well. I am quite sure that this comes from all your parents that we are very proud of you all. Oh and there's next season for the OMHA playdowns and of course still the MPS League playoffs!

-Submitted by K Mac

Highland Storm Minor Midget playoff game results

Season comes to an end for The Haliburton Timbr-Mart Minor Midgets!

Last weekend the Highland Storm Minor Midget Representative Team lost a nailbiter 1-0 to the Loyalist Township Jets in game six of their best of seven series ousting the Storm from the OMHA playdowns. The Storm team with only nine skaters and their goalie played awesome throughout the series but were outnumbered and out-sized by their opponent who will go on to face the Lambeth Lancers in the OMHA finals. The Storm boys would like to thank Their coaches Scott Hamilton, Devin Hunter, Ed Poropat and Brad Tait for a great year and their parents and fans for their continued support. Finally the Storm team would like to thank Haliburton Timbr-Mart for being their team sponsor. See you next year! Wade MacInnes team manager.

-Submitted by Julie MacInnes

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Once upon a time, you could reach in under the dash, grab the right two wires, twist them together without getting electrocuted, the engine would turn over and you could drive away (some film thieves got so good at it, they didn't even have to look to find the right wires, often carrying on a conversation with their accomplice(s) as they worked to fire the engine up).

Slowly, car makers got to thinking they didn't want just anybody driving off with others' properties, so they made smarter keys. Remember the old GM keys with the little wire hoop in the body of the key? That was the start of them.

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Problem was, there were only so many codes available so they would have to start repeating after several thousand, which wasn't too big a problem with cars going out all over the continent but every once in a while you'd end up with two identical cars with the same code in the same general area. Ever hear the story of some guy getting into a car and driving home only to discover when he got home that it wasn't his car? That's an example of that.

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Forest Management Plan Inspection Bancroft Minden Forest 2011-2021 Forest Management Plan

The Ontario **Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR)**, **Bancroft Minden Forest Company (BMFC)**, and the **Local Citizens' Committees (LCC)**, as part of the ongoing forest management planning process, would like to invite you to inspect the approved 2011-2021 **Forest Management Plan (FMP)** for the **Bancroft Minden Forest**.

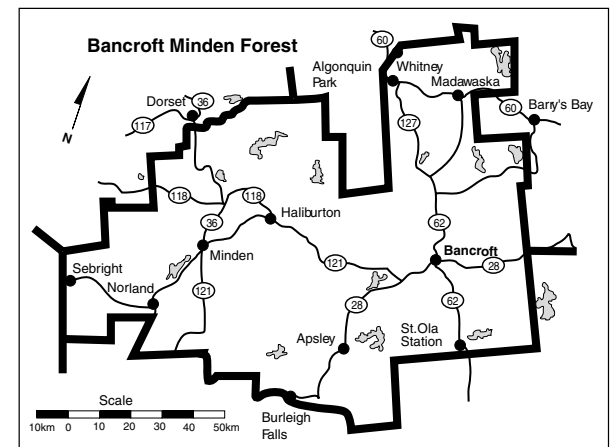
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How to Access the Approved Plan

The approved FMP will be available for public inspection during normal office hours for 30 days from March 3, 2011 to April 1, 2011 at the following locations:

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The planning team for the FMP consisted of the following people:

Craig Dodds	Project Manager	Ron Keane	Resource Liaison Officer
Peter Nitschke, RPF	Planning Team Co-chair	Robert Craftchick, RPF	Whitney and Area Algonquins
Sam Itani	Planning Team Co-chair	Emmett Godin	Algonquins of Greater Golden Lake
Lacey Rose, RPF	Plan Author	Irving Yateman	Algonquin Nation Kijicho Manito
Gareth Davies, RPF	MNR Area Forester	Chief Richard Zohr	Bonnechere Algonquin First Nation
Kathy Irwin	MNR Planning Biologist	Lucien Lacombe	Local Citizens' Committee

For further information, please contact:

Gareth Davies, RPF 106 Monck Street Bancroft, ON K0L 1C0 tel: 613-332-3940 ext. 248	Lacey Rose, RPF 27578 Highway 62 South, RR#1 Bancroft, ON K0L 1C0 tel: 613-332-6890 ext. 202	Lucien Lacombe P.O. Box 211 Madawaska, ON K0J 2C0 tel: 613-637-5486
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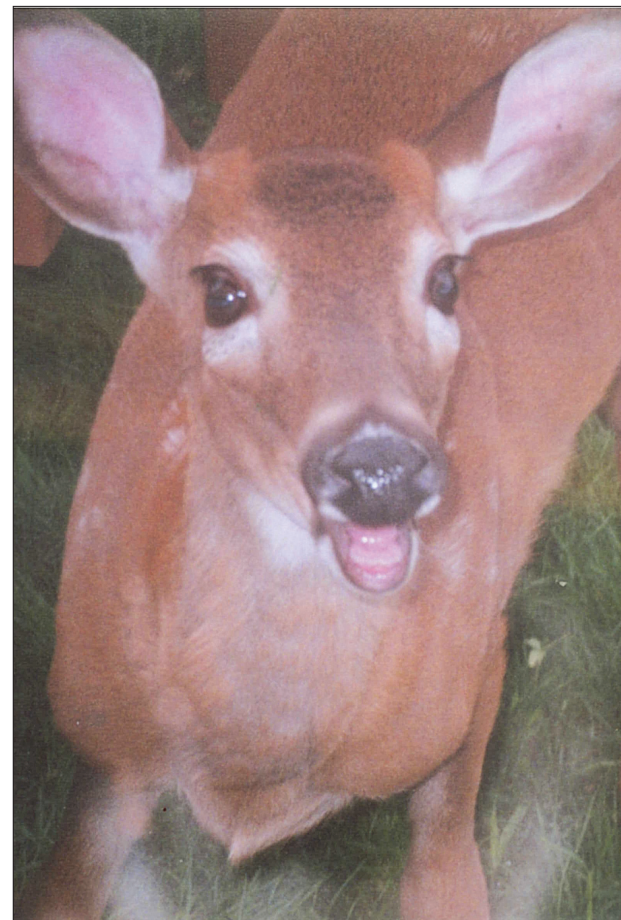
Following the inspection period, the approved 10-year term FMP will be available for viewing at the BMFC office, the MNR Bancroft office, the Ministry of Natural Resources Peterborough office and the ServiceOntario Centre in Toronto, 777 Bay Street, Suite M212, Market Level, toll free: 1-800-268-8758

The Ministry of Natural Resources is collecting your personal information and comments under the authority of the Crown Forest Sustainability Act. Any personal information you provide (address, name, telephone, etc.) will be protected in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act; however, your comments will become part of the public consultation process and may be shared with the general public. Your personal information may be used by the Ministry of Natural Resources to send you further information related to this forest management planning exercise. If you have questions about the use of your personal information, please contact Craig Dodds at 705-286-5211.

Wildlife in your backyard

Have a great nature shot? Send it to jwatt@haliburtonecho.ca. The bigger the file size the bigger we can print it.

Guenter Horst took this beautiful photo of an owl sitting in a pine tree in Bill and Betty Milford's backyard.



This fawn picture was taken last September. The fawn comes to the front window of Marjorie Cowen's house, where the cat sits.

Notices



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TENDER FOR THE SUPPLY OF COLOURED DIESEL FUEL AND FURNACE OIL

The Municipality of Dysart et al is inviting tenders for supply of coloured diesel fuel and furnace oil effective May 1st, 2011 to April 30th, 2013.

Tender Documents and execution forms can be obtained at the Dysart Municipal Office, 135 Maple Avenue, Haliburton or on our website at www.dysartetal.ca.

Tenders must be recieved on or before 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 31st, 2011.

Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

Correction

Apparently I did not send enough information about my picture of the barred owl under my bird feeder. I feel I run the risk of offending this beautiful bird's dignity if I don't correct the captioning of my picture! He was indeed under my feeder, however, his purpose was much more sinister I'm afraid. This picture was snapped right after he landed on a red squirrel, who was indeed dining on seeds. I do not believe owls eat any type of seed. They just eat those that eat the seeds! What he was doing in the sequence of pics, is called "mantelling". He had just folded his wings back in and was about to take off with the squirrel in his talons to his tree top dining table. Thanks for sharing him with everyone. It would appear by the number of owl pics you are showing that there are a fair number of these beautiful birds in the area.

Julie Chadwick

ONTARIO GOVERNMENT TENDER

Ministry of Transportation Northeastern Region

MTO CONTRACT NUMBER: 50-11-10
TENDER NUMBER: OSS - 00192900
MERX™ REFERENCE NUMBER: 214414

CLOSING DATE: March 25, 2011 at 11:30 a.m. Local Toronto Time

WORK OF: Technical Services Inspection Staff for Ministry of Transportation Minor Capital Construction Projects

LOCATION: Huntsville Area

FAXED TENDER SUBMISSION PERIOD: 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Local Toronto Time

THIS IS A DESIGNATED CONTRACT, OPEN TO ALL BIDDERS.

NECESSARY AVAILABLE FINANCIAL RATING IS N/A.
NECESSARY AVAILABLE MAXIMUM WORKLOAD RATING IS N/A.

VENDORS TO OBTAIN REQUEST FOR TENDER (RFT) ONLY THROUGH MERX™.

This tender is available only through MERX™, the electronic tendering system used by the Province of Ontario. For further information about MERX™, call 1-800-964-MERX™ or visit the MERX™ website at www.merx.com.

The Bid forms supplied by the Ministry **MUST** be used, submitted by Facsimile **within the scheduled Tender Submission Period**, and in the possession of the Ontario Shared Services, Corporate Procurement Policy and Planning Branch at the time of bid submission. Fax Number will be provided during the Tender Submission Period. Tenders received by any other method will be rejected.

THE LOWEST OR ANY TENDER NOT NECESSARILY ACCEPTED.



TENDER ADVERTISEMENT CONTRACT NO. C121-05-11

HOT MIX PAVING AND GRANULAR SHOULDERING

LOCATION:

COUNTY ROAD NO.121

Rehabilitation of a Rural Section of Roadway
Commencing 1.0 kilometer South of County Road
1 and continuing Northerly for a distance of 9.0 kilometers

SCOPE OF WORK:

Without limiting the generality of this Contract, the work comprising this Contract consists of, but is not necessarily limited to the following:

- The re-shaping and grading of Quarried Granular 'A' shoulders, and
- The supply and placement of 50mm depth of hot mix asphalt including 1.2m paved shoulders, and
- The paving of all commercial and side road entrances within the project section

Approximate Quantities: HL3 Surface Course 10,600 tonnes

Granular 'A' Shoulders/Entrances 1,050 tonnes

SEALED TENDERS, on the forms supplied, will be received at the County Administration Building, Roads Department, 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario

Until:

1:00 p.m. Local Time on March 21st 2011

FOR TENDER FORMS, Please Contact:

Angie Horner, Administrative Assistant
(705)-286-1762
ahorner@county.haliburton.on.ca

Stewardship Council bids farewell to founders

The Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council (HHSC) came together in 1995 to support landowners in Haliburton County. Now, after 16 years of extraordinary achievements, two of the founding members have decided to change their membership status. Jim McHardy, who is the past council chairman, and Lee Blair were both recognized during a meeting on Feb. 9. Joining them to convey their appreciation were County Warden Murray Fearrey and Ontario Stewardship coordinator Steve Wilkins, a past council member and the original HHSC coordinator respectively.

Blair decided to resign from the Stewardship Council, giving himself a well-deserved break. He has been in the forestry industry for many years in Haliburton County, and has contributed much to his community. Some of these contributions include the Stewardship Series, which is comprised of workshops designed to give landowners the knowledge, resources and tools they need to manage their land in a responsible, sustainable fashion.

Jim McHardy, after 14 years, stepped down as council chairman to general membership. This will allow him more freedom on the HHSC to

focus on the projects that he is most passionate about. McHardy has provided outstanding leadership throughout his years, and will continue to bring his insight and diplomatic guidance to the HHSC as a member and past chair. The HHSC and its partners have seen many great accomplishments with Jim at the wheel, such as the establishment of the forestry bylaw in Haliburton County, and many other achievements that

were made possible by bring together groups and individuals from varied backgrounds and supporting them.

Both Jim and Lee played crucial roles in the formation, establishment, and evolution of the HHSC, and continue to be exemplary individuals. For their many contributions to our community, the HHSC thanks McHardy and Blair, and congratulates them on their many achievements.



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NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

- **DATE:** Monday April 4th, 2011
- **TIME:** 5:00 pm
- **LOCATION:** Council Chambers in the Municipal Office
135 Maple Ave., Haliburton, Ontario

APPLICATIONS:

1. Lands of Greif Bros. Canada Inc.:
 - Purpose and Effect: the proposed by-law will change the zone on the subject lands to recognize the proposed waterfront residential use and to implement the recommendations of the background reports, prepared to support the proposed subdivision development.
 - Zone change from "RU1L" and "EP" to "WR3L", "WR5L", "WR6L", "OS", "OS-1", "OS-8", "EP" and "LR".
 - Location: Part of Lots 16 to 28 inclusive, Concessions 4 to 9 inclusive, Township of Harburn (east shore of Percy Lake off Johnson Bay Road; west shore of Percy Lake and east shore of Haliburton Lake off Percy Lake Road; and west shore of Percy Lake and east shore of Haliburton Lake off Hodgson Road).
 - This application is a condition of subdivision/condominium applications 46T-09-001 to 46T-09-007, which have draft approval from the County of Haliburton.
2. Lands of Easton's Grocers Limited:
 - Purpose and Effect: the proposed by-law will change the zone on the subject lands to permit the construction of a medium density building, which will house 28 dwelling units.
 - Zone change from "R1" to "R3-xx". Site specific zone provisions will apply.
 - Location: Part of Lots 16 & 17, Concession 8, Lot 8 and Part Lots 9 and 10, Block X, Plan 1, Township of Dysart (Sunnyside Street).

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Municipality of Dysart et al before the proposed zoning by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Municipality of Dysart et al to the Ontario Municipal Board.

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Municipality of Dysart et al before the proposed zoning by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

FURTHER INFORMATION: including the draft by-law is available from the Planning Department at the Municipality Office during regular office hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday) or by phoning 705-457-1740.

Dated at the Township of Dysart, this 8th day of March, 2011.

Patricia Martin, B.E.S., MCIP, RPP
Municipal Planner



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NOTICE OF PROPOSED SALE OF MUNICIPAL LAND

TAKE NOTICE that the Corporation of the Municipality of Dysart et al, intends to pass a bylaw to dispose of certain lands, in the geographic Township of Dysart, County of Haliburton, more particularly described in Schedule "A" hereto.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that the purpose and effect of the proposed by-law is to authorize the sale of the said lands for addition to the adjacent property, to accommodate parking to service the existing warehouse business.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that any person wishing to comment on the proposed sale should submit such comments in writing to the CAO/Clerk at the address set out below on or before the 9th day of March, 2011.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that the proposed by-law will come before the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Dysart et al, at its regular meeting to be held at the Council Chambers, 135 Maple Avenue, Haliburton, Ontario on the 14th day of March, 2011.

DATED at Haliburton and first published this 1st day of March, 2011.

Tammy McKelvey, A.M.C.T.
CAO/Clerk
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SCHEDULE "A"

Part of Lot 12, Concession 9, further described as Part 1, Plan 19R-9248, in the geographic Township of Dysart, County of Haliburton.

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AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that the purpose and effect of the proposed by-law is to authorize the sale of the said lands to the neighbouring land owner, for the sole purpose of installing an on-site waste disposal system, which will service the neighbour's waterfront lot.

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SCHEDULE "A"

Part of Block B, Plan 467, further described as Part 1, Plan 19R-9247, in the geographic Township of Havelock, County of Haliburton.

Coming Events



HALIBURTON MOVIE NIGHTS

Thursday, March 10/11:

SCORE: A HOCKEY MUSICAL

Mix SLAPSHOT with GLEE and you get SCORE, a light hearted musical/comedy about our national obsession starring Olivia Newton-John, Marc Jordon, Stephen McHattie, Nelly Furtado, Walter Gretsky and Haliburton native Chris Ratz. Chris will be our special guest at both screenings. Dress in your hockey jersey and have some fun. Rated PG (92 min.)

Thursday, April 7/11 :	TAMARA DREWE
Thursday, May 12/11 :	MADE IN DAGENHAM
Thursday, June 9/11 :	THE KING'S SPEECH

2 shows – 4:15 and 7:15
Northern Light Pavilion, Haliburton High School
All Tickets \$8.00 at the door
More info: www.haliburton-movies.com

Snow Shuffle a success

West Guilford

Eleanor Cooper

705-754-2278

Congratulations to Teresa Johnston on her winning the \$1,500 at the annual Snow Shuffle, the fundraiser for the West Guilford Community Centre. Numbers were down somewhat, but the committee still judged it to be a success overall.

Committee board met on Monday Feb. 28 with Lynn Morrison, Tanya Sisson, Sara Burtch, Kay Morrison, Steve Searle and president Carol Stamp in attendance.

Iris Miscio has just returned from two weeks in Hawaii with two other ladies. They were thrilled by the sunset cruise, the entertainment of music and dance at the Polynesian Culture Centre and the tour of the islands.

Iris reports that the temperature was 80-85 degrees F, which Hawaiians found cool! She swam in the ocean as well as in the pool, and visited with her friends and a pineapple plantation, an orchid farm and the memorial of Pearl Harbour.

A couple from Brazil recently dropped in on Susan Norcross. They had lived next door to Susan in 2005-2006 while they learned at Camp Medeba all about adventure camp there.

Scott and Patsy Buhler intend to take their leader training in this field to begin a similar adventure camp in Brazil. At present the Buh-

lers are visiting in Saskatoon and Winnipeg with their parents.

A few corrections are necessary. The word each should have read Earl in the last column. Also, it was Pat Barry (as in wife of Jeff) who volunteered with Carol Stamp. (Faulty hearing? Faulty writing? Anyone like to take this job?)

Euchre on March 1 produced the following scores: High-Norma Geddis and Cliff Davison. Low-Sandy Poulton and Joan Kernohan. Most lone hands-Kay Morrison and Ed Muenzel.

What a tribute! The celebration of Bryan Sisson's life was heart-warming in the extreme as the people who loved and respected him came in a crowd on March 5 to the community centre to honour his life. Brothers and sisters, cousins, nephews, nieces and many friends kept coming and coming. The halls and main hall were choked with the crowd. The Rev. Max Ward led the speeches of the evening, giving friends and relatives a chance to voice their appreciation of Bryan's impact on their lives.

Music was played, food was provided in huge quantity for the large numbers. Imagine piles of butter tarts!

Susan, Ryan and Megan must have been overwhelmed by the outpouring of affection shown because of Bryan's life. What a blessing he was to all. How good to be remembered so fondly, so well. Truly it was fitting to make this kind of memorial into a thanksgiving of happy celebration.

community calendar

What's happening in the County

Post your event for free on the web. Go to: www.mindentimes.ca or

to the  *Haliburton Highlands* Community Calendar link at: www.haliburtonecho.ca



- **Wednesday: Bid Euchre** 1pm located at the Haliburton Legion. \$2 admission
- **Thursday: Bid Euchre** 7pm Echo Hills Apt. For more information contact Jean Fletch 705-457-2618
- **Wednesday evenings:** Overcomers Recovery Support Group 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Overcomers is a Recovery Support Group for people overcoming life controlling issues. to watch a 5 minute promo video go to www.recoverysupport.org For More Information Call Don or Judy 705 457-3107
- **March 8: St. George's Anglican Church- 72nd Annual Pancake Supper** located at the Haliburton Leagon 5pm – 7pm \$15 per family- \$5 per adult \$3.50 per child. Children under 6 free
- **March 8: Volunteer Income Tax:** at the Haliburton Legion Every Tuesday starting at 9am to 2pm ending Tuesday April 19. for more information contact Marlene Watson @ 705-448-2266
- **MAR. 13 : FAMILY MOVIE AFTERNOON** WEST GUILFORD REC.CENTRE 2:00 PM "MEGAMIND" Bring your comfortable chair Snacks & refreshments available. Adult must accompany child. Admission by donation.
- **HALIBURTON COUNTY: Prenatal Classes** in the villages of Minden and Haliburton. Join these free classes offered by the Health Unit to help expectant parents prepare for baby's arrival. Find out about class times and schedules by calling toll-free at 1-866-888-4577 or (705) 324-3569.
- **March 9: Volunteer Income Tax:** Every Wednesday located at the Wilberforce Legion from 2pm to 3:30pm ending Wednesday April. 20 for more information contact Marlene Watson @ 705-448-2266
- **March 9: Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild** Meeting at Stanhope Community Centre @ 1pm Come and learn about machine quilting Everyone Welcome. For further information call Sharon @ 705-286-1531
- **March 9: MINDEN: Meet the Nurse** 10 am to noon, Ontario Early Years Centre (144 Bobcaygeon Rd in Sears Building) in Minden. Parents with children up to age six years can meet with a Public Health Nurse. The nurse can weigh the baby, provide breastfeeding support, screen for speech concerns and discuss infant care, growth and development and other parental concerns. Call (705) 457-1391 for more information.
- **March 13: Lochlin Community Centre Happy St. Patrick's Day Stew Dinner.** For more info call 705-286-1398
- **March 15 & 26: Stanhope Soccer League** Registration for more info call 705-766-9968
- **March 17, HALIBURTON: Meet the Nurse** 10 am to noon, Ontario Early Years Centre (83 Maple Ave., Halco Plaza, lower level) in Haliburton. Parents with children up to age six years can meet with a Public Health Nurse. The nurse can weigh the baby, provide breastfeeding support, screen for speech concerns and discuss infant care, growth and

development and other parental concerns. Call (705) 457-1391 for more information.

- **March 17: Haliburton County Public Library** presents Terri & Rick Free Concert for all ages located @ Minden Hills brance 10:30am & Dysart Branch 1:30 pm
- **March 19: Wild Game Dinner, Auction & Dance** located at the Haliburton Legion Cocktails at 5pm Dinner at 6pm Tickets \$30 per person or \$50 a couple (available NOW) Contact the Fish Hatchery at 705-457-9664
- **March 21 & March 22 HALIBURTON: Food Handler** Course March 21, and Tuesday, March 22, 9 am to 4 pm, Health Unit office (191 Highland St., Unit 301) in Haliburton. This two-day course teaches participants how to handle and prepare food safely. Upon successful completion, participants receive a certificate (valid for a period of five years) indicating they are registered as a certified food handler. For more information and to confirm space availability, call the Health Unit at (705) 457-1391. Please mail or deliver your completed registration form along with payment in the amount of \$40 (cash or cheque accepted. Please make cheque payable to 'HKPR District Health Unit'
- **March 21 April 4, and 11th.** Come out and try our Drop-In Indoor Rock Climbing! It's the Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents CLIMBING CLUB at Camp Medeba Monday evenings 6:30 to 8:00 pm - children and parents climb together. Youths and Adults 8:00 to 9:00 pm. Cost \$2.00 per person. For more information call Donna

Events listings are provided **FREE for non-profit groups on a space-available basis.** While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to cthorn@mindentimes.ca or faxed to The Minden Times at 286-4768, emailed to cthorn@mindentimes.ca or brought in to the office.

Please submit events by the Wednesday prior to the requested publication date.
NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events in the Highlands. For more Ongoing Community Events please see the Weekender.

Great crowd for Loop Troupe play despite weather

Wilberforce

Hilda Clark

705-448-2018

Let's be upfront about it. Reviewing theatrical productions that one has directed is highly unusual. But then reviewing plays when one has been in the cast hasn't been easy over the years either. We can honestly say that the Loop Troupe was proud to present *That Was No Lady, That Was A Private Eye* here in Wilberforce on March 4 and 5. Members of the Troupe were all delighted that the shows both nights went on fairly well. Always parts they would like to have offered differently, but pleased that the audience reacted well to their performances. Positive comments heard both evenings were heartening to cast and crew who have worked hard since mid January to get the show on stage.

This playful production set in the early 1980s dealt with and slyly spoofed most of the events usually included in most traditional detective stories. Though there were guns galore that changed hands frequently as the plot thickened, somehow the lighter moments provided plenty of humour. The cast played those moments every bit as well as they did the serious ones.

Congratulations to all the members of the Loop Troupe who contributed both on stage and behind the scenes. It was pleasure being part of a group who enjoyed lots of laughs during rehearsals and yet took their roles seriously. Providing live entertainment right here on the Lloyd Watson stage on winter evenings was fun but serious stuff. Last but not least members of the audiences on both evenings were good troupers as well. Neither rain or snow kept them from the show. Thanks, it was great to be back.

On a sadder note Joan and Ken Noble called to let us know that Aunt Norma has died. Norma (McCrae) Noble passed

away after a few days in hospital in Peterborough on Saturday March 5, 2011. In her 100th year Norma would have reached that special birthday on June 25 this year.

Though Norma and her granddaughter Sandra had lived in Peterborough for a number of years, she was well known in this area. Norma from childhood and after her marriage to Francis resided in Essonville, and then in Wilberforce for a number of years. She was predeceased by Francis.

Visitation will be at the Comstock Funeral Home in Peterborough on Tuesday, March 8 from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 8:30 p.m. Funeral service will be on Wednesday, March 9 at 1 p.m. at the Salvation Army Citadel at Aylmer and Hunter streets also in Peterborough.

Sympathy is extended to her daughter Donna (David) Dowding of Peterborough, son Brian of Haliburton and granddaughters Sandra and Sherry and all of her family and friends.

A very special bonspiel will be played at the Wilberforce Club on Saturday March 12. It is the children's/parents'/grandparents' spiel. Teams will include two children and two adults. Lunch will be served. The Jim Donovan trophy will be

awarded to the winning team and prizes will be awarded to the children. Should be lots of fun.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday services this week. At St Margaret's Church, service is at 3 p.m.

March break for the schools is next week, March 14 to 18 plus the weekends. Congratulations to Mr. Gord Wood who will advance from vice-principal to principal on April 1.

He will have responsibility for both the Wilberforce and Cardiff schools. Mrs. Elaine Fournier will move to be principal at the JDHES in Haliburton at that time. Best wishes to both of them.

Coming Events

FAMILY MOVIE AFTERNOON
WEST GULFORD REC. CENTRE
MAR. 13, 2011, 2:00 PM
"MEGAMIND"
 Bring your comfortable chair & enjoy this brand new release with the whole family. Snacks & refreshments available. Adult must accompany child.
 Admission by donation.

STANHOPE SOCCER REGISTRATION
Tuesday March 15 & Saturday March 26
7:00pm - 9:00pm & 10:00am - 12:00pm
BOYS and GIRLS
 Ages 5 to 14 (as of June 21, 2011)
Stanhope Fire Fighter's Hall
North Shore Road, Carnarvon
Volunteer Coaches, Assistant Coaches and Student Coaches needed.
 Please call the Recreation Department at 707-766-9968 for more information.
**** IMPORTANT ****
Bring Your Health Card



St. George's PANCAKE SUPPER
TUESDAY, MARCH 8
5-7 pm
\$15 per family
\$5 per adult
\$3⁰⁰ per child 6-12
Under 6 - FREE
at the
ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION
BRANCH 129 - HALIBURTON



WINTERGREEN MAPLE SYRUP AND PANCAKE BARN
OPENS SAT. MARCH 5TH
and then all Sat. and Sun.
in March and April 9am to 4pm
 Early spring heralds the annual "sugaring off" in the sugar bushes of Haliburton County. It's a wonderful time to get the family out in the open air and sunshine to experience one of our county's most traditional families activities. Come and view the evaporation process through the glass wall of our restaurant while savouring freshly made maple syrup on pancakes, French toast, maple baked beans and our specially prepared farmer's sausages. A wide variety of maple products (also jams, jellies, mustards, BBQ sauces, and fresh canned produce) are available in our retail area.
 Cheque or cash only. Join us at 2pm every Sat. and Sun. for taffy-on-snow at Sourdough Sam's Cabin (as long as we have snow).
 Call 705-286-3202
 for more information. 3325 Gelert Rd.
 www.wintergreenmapleproducts.ca
THINK SPRING




U-Links
Is inviting you to its Annual
Celebration of Research!
 The purpose of the event is to display the work of Trent University students involved in this year's community-based research projects.
Event Details
Saturday, March 19th, 2011
Fleming College, Haliburton Campus, The Great Hall
 1:00-1:15pm – Welcomes & Introductions
 1:15-2:00pm – Keynote Speaker:
 Paul Rosebush
 President & CEO of Haliburton Highlands Health Services
Can Health Care be integrated with Social Services?
 2:00-4:00pm – Networking with Students & Community Hosts while enjoying refreshments!
 Catering by Molly's Bistro Bakery, 170 Bobcaygeon Road, Minden ON
 For more information please contact Jenny Smith at U-Links (705) 286-2411 or admin.ulinks@on.aibn.com

FABULOUS ITALIAN MENU
Friday March 11 From 6-8 pm
at the Dysart Arena (upstairs)
 By The Haliburton and District Lions Club
 Menu Includes:
 • Spaghetti & Meatballs
 • Caesar salad
 • Italian Wedding Soup
 • Garlic Bread
 • Dessert Squares
 • Tea/Coffee
All for the amazing price of
 • Adults - \$10.00
 • Children under 12 - \$6.00
 • Family Rate (2 adults, 2 children) - \$25.00
 Mark your Calendars! Dinners will also be held April 8 and May 13
 All proceeds support community betterment and Heritage Ballet's trip to Russia in 2012.
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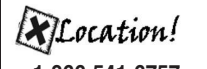
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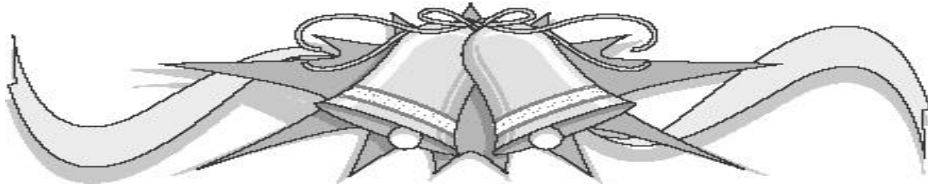
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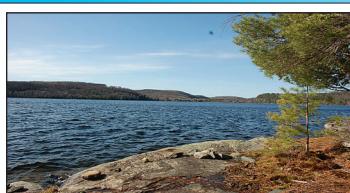
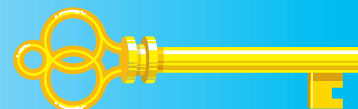
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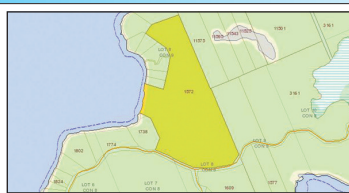
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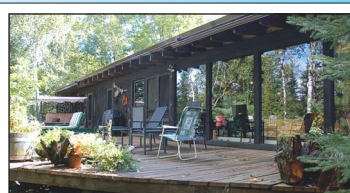
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152 ft of magnificent rippled sand beach facing west. Extremely private. Big lake view and great level building site. Call for details.

\$389,000



SAMS LAKE

Extremely private with 850' lake frtg & set in 15 ac natural forest. 4 bedrm cottage with open concept living area. Yr Rnd private road.

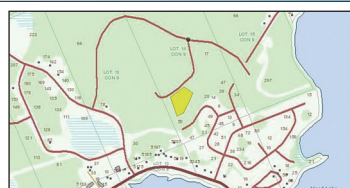
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NEW HOME

Sandford Court. 3 br, 2 bath. 1682 sf home & full bsmt. Dbl att grg. 2.68 ac lot. Private. Minutes to town. Tarion Warranty. See it now!

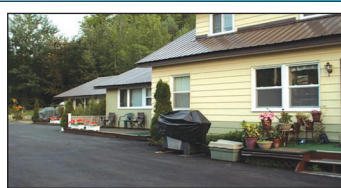
\$339,000



SANDFORD CRT. CUSTOM BUILT

Large 2.01 ac subdivision lot. Raymac Corp. 3br home. 1682sf, full bsmt, Dbl grg. Quality materials & workmanship, Tarion Warranty. Ask for specs.

\$334,900



INCOME OPPORTUNITY

4 unit apartment building. Good location. Easy rentals. Immaculate grounds, paved driveway, easy highway access. Live in, rent out, tenants pay the mortgage.

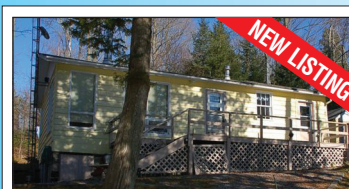
\$299,999



GREEN LAKE

Yr rnd home/cottage on edge of gorgeous sand beach. Level lot. Full w/o basement. Wraparound deck. Close to golf, store, skiing. 3 lake Chain. Additional backlot included

\$299,000.



STORMY LAKE

The perfect package! 3br cottage on level lot. Big lake view, sand shore. S/W exposure. Private. 2 sheds, Shoreline deck. Firepit. Tidy & ready to go!

\$298,000.



WILBERFORCE AREA

Charming round log home. Private on 24 acres with trails throughout. Country kitchen, main flr Indry, w/o bsmt with lge recroom. Double Car garage.

\$229,000



HURRICANE LAKE ACREAGE

Pretty 16.9 ac waterfront. Rolling acreage, treed With 300 ft clean shoreline. Suitable for home or cottage.

\$208,900



HALIBURTON HOME

Great location near village & lots of room, outbuildings & potential. Contractor or home based businesses interested? Stone & brick home.

\$199,900



TATTERSAL ROAD HOME

1200sf Panabode log home. Privacy on 2.5 ac lot. Country kitchen, Woodstove, spacious br's, Covered verandah, dble det garage.

\$179,900



REDSTONE RIVER

3br cottage on 12 acres. Open concept living area. Bright, neat and clean. Block foundation, wraparound deck. Boat to 3 lake chain. Great getaway.

\$178,000.



GROWLER LAKE

Lots or Acreage. Contact us for what is available. Beautiful deep lake for fishing. Wilderness, beauty & wildlife at your doorstep! From

\$149,000 and up.



GOODERHAM HOME

Just a stone's throw from Gooderham Lake public beach. Great little home. Or cottage. Newly reno'd. Full bsmt. In the village & only 15 min to Haliburton.

\$115,000



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REAL ESTATE UPDATE

INTERIM FINANCING

QUESTION: I have signed an agreement for the sale of my present home. The closing date is set for three months from now. I want to buy another house, but the owner insists on closing in just ONE month. I will need the money from my old house to finance the purchase - BUT - there will be a two month gap before I can get the cash. Any suggestions?

ANSWER: An experienced Realtor can help you arrange interim financing, known as a bridge loan, to get the funds for the purchase. The money is advanced by the lending institution on a short term basis. Your present home equity would be used as security.



A BRIDGE LOAN can provide the cash for buying a new home before you sell your old one.